

# COVID-19 Vaccine Information Brief

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Changes to the document from the previous version are highlighted in yellow.

## COVID-19 Vaccination Program Provider Agreement

- **COVID-19 Vaccination Program Provider Agreement** - To receive and administer COVID-19 vaccine and ancillary supplies, vaccination providers must enroll in the United States Government (USG) COVID-19 vaccination program by signing and agreeing to conditions outlined in the COVID-19 Vaccination Program Provider Agreement. As part of the agreement, health care providers will also need to include the provider type and setting, patient population (e.g., number and type of patients served), refrigerated/frozen/ultra-cold temperature storage capacity, and logistical information to receive COVID-19 vaccine shipments.
- The [CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Program Provider Agreement](#) is available at this link.
- The COVID-19 Vaccine Provider Enrollment Frequently Asked Question (FAQ) document has been updated and is posted to the Department's COVID-19 webpage, under the [Vaccine](#) tab.
- LPHAs are encouraged to share the RedCap survey with health care providers in their county to ensure health care provider enrollment is consistent with the county's vaccination plan.
- IDPH will **NOT** accept faxed, emailed or mailed copies of the COVID-19 Vaccination Program Provider Agreement.
- **Enrollment Questions** - Questions regarding the COVID-19 provider agreement can be directed to the COVID-19 Vaccine Call Center at 1-800-831-6293, Option 1 or [COVID19Vaccines@idph.iowa.gov](mailto:COVID19Vaccines@idph.iowa.gov).
- IDPH will review each organization's COVID-19 Vaccination Program Provider Agreement and follow up with each provider as necessary.
- Organizations who are approved COVID-19 Vaccination Program Providers will receive an email confirming enrollment.
- **COVID-19 Vaccine Enrolled Providers** - A list of COVID-19 Vaccine enrolled providers will be posted to the Health Alert Network (HAN) and updated daily.

## COVID-19 Vaccine Information Resources

- **COVID-19 Vaccine Call Center** - IDPH has established a COVID-19 Vaccine Call Center. The call center uses the existing Immunization Program phone number and includes an option for health care providers to ask COVID-19 vaccine questions.
  - To reach the COVID-19 Vaccine Call Center, call **1-800-831-6293, Option 1**. The COVID-19 Vaccine Call Center is intended for health care providers only.
  - **COVID-19 Vaccine Email** - IDPH has set up a COVID-19 Vaccine Email to respond specifically to questions from health care providers regarding COVID-19 vaccine. Vaccine questions can be emailed to: [COVID19vaccine@idph.iowa.gov](mailto:COVID19vaccine@idph.iowa.gov).
  - **COVID-19 Vaccine Frequently Asked Questions** - IDPH has prepared COVID-19 Vaccine Frequently Asked Questions documents for health care providers, LPHAs and the public. All FAQs are available on the HAN.
    - The COVID-19 Vaccine Frequently Asked Questions for the public will be shared with 211 and will be the basis to respond to caller questions.
  - **IRIS Enrolled Providers** - A list of IRIS enrolled providers is being posted to the Health Alert Network (HAN) and updated daily.
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## COVID-19 Vaccine Assumptions

- **LTC and Pharmacy** - CDC will partner with national chains to provide vaccination services to long-term care facility residents.
  - If ACIP recommends LTC staff only in Phase 1; LTC staff will fall under the broader health care personnel and county plan for vaccinating this population
  - If ACIP recommends both LTC staff and residents as Phase 1 priority group-pharmacies will be utilized to provide vaccination to LTC staff and residents
  - Starting October 15, facilities will begin to sign up for on-site clinics
  - IDPH will receive from CDC list of facilities that:
    - Signed up for pharmacy services
    - Received pharmacy partner services (once available)
    - Refused pharmacy partner services
    - Signed up for pharmacies services but can not be served (LTC too small or too rural)
      - These LTC fall back under the county's vaccination plan
- Number of doses distributed to each location
- Number of doses administered at each location

- Pharmacies are required to report all doses administered to IRIS
- Federal Entities and Direct Allocations of COVID-19 Vaccines-CDC is regularly meeting with federal entities with workforces that may be in Phase 1 vaccination. These entities include: Department of Defense (DOD), Department of State (DOS), Bureau of Prisons) BOP, Veterans Health Administration (VHA), and Indian Health Services (IHS). CDC has requested population estimates from the federal partners to share with states:
  - DoD enlisted personnel and dependents
  - DOS staff currently located in the US
  - BOP staff and detainees
  - VHA staff and veteran beneficiaries
  - IHS staff and user population and populations served by Tribal Health Organizations
  - These entities will *likely* receive direct allocations

IDPH encourages LPHAs to continue to include these agencies in planning consideration and encourage partners to complete the COVID-19 Vaccination Provider Agreement.
- [COVID-19 Vaccination Program Interim Playbook for Jurisdiction Operations](#) - This document covers the 15 specific areas necessary for COVID-19 vaccination program planning and implementation. References and links to key guidance documents and resources are provided to assist with planning efforts. The playbook is posted on the HAN in the Vaccination Program Interim Playbook folder.
- **Vaccine Planning Scenarios** - See the [COVID-19 Vaccination Program Interim Playbook for Jurisdiction Operations](#) - Phase 1, Q4 2020. This document provides updated planning assumptions for two vaccines anticipated to be part of the Phase 1 vaccination campaign. Information provided includes distribution, storage, handling, administration and additional considerations for these vaccines. Review the vaccine scenario which includes vaccine specific information regarding minimum order quantities which will be an important factor in clinic planning.
- **Vaccine Storage and Handling** - Health care providers should consider requirements for vaccine storage and handling of COVID-19 vaccines to include locations to secure dry ice and facilities capable of storing ultra cold vaccines. These facilities may include universities with research labs and large health systems who conduct clinical trials. Ultra cold storage requirements present vaccine ordering and reallocation challenges.
- **Temperature Monitoring Devices** - Health care providers should consider the need to obtain additional temperature monitoring devices (data loggers) as well as devices that are capable of measuring ultra-frozen temperature ranges. CDC has not provided data logger specifications for ultra-frozen vaccine
- **Ancillary Supplies** - Information regarding Ancillary Supplies has been updated to include the following information. Supplies will be packaged in kits and will be

automatically ordered in amounts to match vaccine orders. Each kit will contain supplies to administer 100 doses of vaccine, including:

- Needles, 105 per kit (various sizes for the population served)
  - Syringes, 105 per kit
  - Alcohol prep pads, 210 per kit
  - 4 surgical masks and 2 face shields for vaccinators, per kit
  - COVID-19 vaccination record cards for vaccine recipients, 100 per kit
  - Manufacturers of products included in the ancillary supply kits are unknown at this time. Health care providers with special requirements or who prefer specific vaccine administration supplies should consider obtaining these supplies now.
  - **Emergency Use Authorization (EUA)** - Initial doses of COVID-19 vaccine may be authorized for use under an EUA issued by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), based upon available safety and efficacy data. Vaccine will be provided free of charge, but administration fees may not be reimbursable while a vaccine product is administered under an EUA.
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## Pandemic Planning

- **Mass Vaccination Plans** - LPHAs should review Mass Vaccination Plans including Points of Dispensing Sites (PODS). Consideration should include both open and closed PODS.
    - Regional collaboration and planning is encouraged.
    - If using a regional approach, one county will need to act as the lead agency.
    - A sample POD MOU has been posted to the HAN under the COVID-19 Vaccine, POD Information folder. LPHAs should consult with legal counsel regarding county specific language of MOUs.
    - County specific PODS Standards Workbooks have been sent to LPHAs. Workbooks were due back to the BETS by October 1, 2020. Questions regarding POD planning can be directed to [Matthew.Shroyer@idph.iowa.gov](mailto:Matthew.Shroyer@idph.iowa.gov).
  - **IRIS** - IRIS will be used for Vaccine Allocation and Distribution of COVID-19 vaccine.
  - **Vaccine Reminder/Recall** - Health care providers should consider methods to conduct Vaccine Reminder/Recall to communicate with patients about the need for vaccination and the need to return for the second dose in the vaccine series. Reminder/recall activities may include auto dialers or mailings (postcards or letters).
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## Priority Groups

- The federal government will issue guidance on groups to prioritize for initial COVID-19 vaccination; populations for initial COVID-19 vaccination. Identify and estimate sizes of critical populations, with focus on first available doses of vaccine for these populations:
    - Critical workforce that provides health care and maintains essential functions of society (<https://www.cisa.gov/identifying-critical-infrastructure-during-covid-19>)
    - Staff and residents in long-term care and assisted living facilities
  - A spreadsheet has been placed in the Priority Populations folder on the HAN. This spreadsheet include data for the following groups:
    - Long Term Care -LTC (residents, staff)
    - Emergency Medical Services (EMS)
    - Pharmacists
    - Physicians
    - Physician Assistants
    - Respiratory Care
    - Nurses
    - Total of health care and Long Term Care
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### **Vaccine Administration Documentation**

- IDPH received the required data elements to document COVID-19 vaccine doses administered from CDC. After reviewing these data elements, IDPH has determined IRIS is currently capable of collecting this information. As a result of receiving this information, IRIS will be the tool used for the distribution and documentation of all doses of COVID-19 vaccine doses administered.
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### **Immunization Registry Information System - IRIS**

IDPH plans to use the Immunization Registry Information System (IRIS) for the ordering, distribution of pandemic vaccines. The program continues to enroll health care providers in IRIS. Health care provider sites interested in offering pandemic vaccines, currently not enrolled in IRIS, should enroll at this time. To enroll in IRIS complete the following forms:

- [Authorized Site Agreement – Organization](#) for the facility.
- [IRIS Authorized Individual User Agreement](#).

The completed Authorized Site Agreements for Organizations and Individual User Agreements can be emailed to [IRISEnrollment@idph.iowa.gov](mailto:IRISEnrollment@idph.iowa.gov) or faxed to 800-831-6292.